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FOR CHARLES P. KENNEDY

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR VISIT OF U.S. INVESTORS

1. MESSRS. MORTON HYMAN AND HIS LAWYER GIDEON SCHILLER OF ST. LOUIS INVESTIGATING POTENTIAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TIRE MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN D.R. HYMAN IS SUCCESSFUL WHOLESALER/RETAILER OF SPECIALTY TIRES FOR ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC AUTOMOBILES IN THE U.S. (E.G. MODEL T FORDS. EDSELS). HAS GROWING BUSINESS, BUT INCREASING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUPPLIES OF SPECIALTY TIRES. AFTER CONSULTA-TION WITH U.S. AND BRITISH TIRE COMPANIES AND OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THEM HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN PRODUCTION FACILITY. PLANT WOULD BE DESIGNED FOR EXPORT OF SPECIALTY TIRES TO U.S. AS WELL AS PRODUCTION FOR DOMESTIC D.R. MARKET OF TIRES FOR OLDER CARS STILL IN USE AND PERHAPS ITEMS SUCH AS WHEELBARROWS. PLANT WOULD INITIALLY PRODUCE ABOUT 300 TIRES PER DAY AND BE EXPANDED IN PHASES AS DEMAND GROWS. PLANT WOULD BE MODESTLY LABOR INTENSIVE. MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO OPIC INDICATES GOOD UNCLASSIFIED

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POTENTIAL. OPIC INTERESTED IN POTENTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IF FEASIBILITY STUDIES SOUND.

2. HYMAN AND SCHILLER WANT TO VISIT D.R. TO ASSESS LOCAL INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND REGULATIONS, LABOR SITUATION,

INCENTIVE LAWS, ETC. PREPARATORY TO MAKING FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CHOICE TO INVEST IN D.R. THEY HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH PROPER PERSONNEL IN BOTH EMBASSY AND GODR TO DISCUSS PROJECT. THEY TENTATIVELY PLAN TO BE IN D.R. AROUND MAY 19-20 FOR TWO DAYS OF BUSINESS MEETINGS, AND THEY AND OPIC WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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